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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/551,593	HIROSHIGE ET AL.
	Examiner Jaison P. Thomas	Art Unit 1796

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#### Period for Reply

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 October 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 7-15 and 17-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 7-15 and 17-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/15/2007 has been entered.
2. Claims 7-15 and 17-25 are pending. Claims 1-6, 16 and 26 are cancelled. Claim 1 is amended.
3. Claims 7-15 and 17-25 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kojima et al. (US Patent 4654255).
4. Claims 7-15 and 17-25 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Kojima et al. (US Patent 4654255)

***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments filed 10/15/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant contends that the Kojima reference teaches a copolymer or terpolymer composition which contains additional monomers to the "ethylenically unsaturated monomers" of the Kojima polymer. Applicants contend that the amendment limiting the

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polymer to "consisting essentially of" a crystalline acrylic polymer with an alkyl group of 18 carbons or more renders the rejections over Kojima moot.

The Examiner respectfully disagrees with the above arguments. The Examiner notes that while the Kojima reference does teach the additional monomers comprising the polymer of Kojima, Applicant has not clearly illustrated on the record how the presence of the additional monomers in the polymer would affect the basic and novel characteristics of the claimed composition.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 7-9,15,17-19 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tatsuo et al. (JP 2002-308919).

Tatsuo teaches an adhesive acrylic resin composition which is comprised of an acrylate monomer, a drying oil, organic peroxide and an accelerator which can be sandwiched between two release layers (Abstract). The reference shows that the acrylate monomer can be stearyl methacrylate (pg. 2, para. 0013 of the machine translation). Examiner notes that the machine translation provided with this action has not properly translated the name of a monomer due a typographical error in the original patent document. However, this acrylate monomer has been confirmed to be present

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by STIC Translation Services at the Patent Office. The composition can further be made thermally conductive by the addition of thermally conductive filler with examples given on pg. 3, para. 0026 of the machine translation.

***Conclusion***

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jaison P. Thomas whose telephone number is (571) 272-8917. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.
9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy P. Gulakowski can be reached on (571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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